

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Editor News,

Louis, Ky.

Dear Sir:—I am enclosing a composition of a 7th grade school girl. I had the class write from the subject, "Imagine you are a member of the Jamestown Colony prior to 1620." Write to a friend in England giving your experience in your new home.

If you have space in your Educational column, please print it.

Very truly,

ISAAC CUNNINGHAM.

Jamestown, Va., Nov. 28, 1616.

Miss Lockie Winthrop,

London, England.

Dear Cousin:—I am living in America now, and I am going to tell you all about my new life.

Don't you remember it was just before Christmas in 1607 when we set sail? I never will forget that day when we had to bid farewell to our dear friends, and our native homes, to set sail upon a voyage of uncertainty upon the great restless waters.

We sailed for a long, long time, yes, for weeks without seeing anything, save the deep blue waters and sky.

You can't imagine how dreary and lonesome those days were, and how I longed to be back with my friends and playmates in dear old England.

At last in the early spring our ships sailed into the Chesapeake Bay.

I can tell you, we were all overjoyed at the sight of land again. The weather was almost intolerable, and had for weeks. The snow was flying like a great white mist overshadowing the earth, the wind was howling wildly and, oh! how desolate and miserable everything looked.

We anchored at Chesapeake Bay for awhile. My father and the other men explored the bay a little and found the mouth of a river and they sailed up the river, naming it James, in honor of King James.

You will remember our company might settle anywhere between 34 degrees and 41 degrees north latitude.

At last after sailing up and down the river for a long time we finally settled in a very low marshy place.

At first we just pitched our tents, and we didn't have sufficient food to keep us from starving.

When we were settled enough so we could view the surrounding country, what do you think met our eyes? Everything was a dense wilderness, not a sign of civilization could we see, no roads, no churches, no schools, not even a cloud of smoke to tell us of a coming meal. There was not even a little path to guide us. It seemed that we were forever lost to civilization.

I strained my ears hoping that I might hear the far-away tinkle of a cow bell but all in vain. Nothing answered my yearnings, save my imaginations.

The majority of the men in our colony disliked work and it was not long before our food and supplies gave out.

Our first governor was Edward Wingfield, but he soon learned that he didn't have the power to control the rest, so he gave up his position to another man, who could not control the colony much better.

The men would not work, (or at least the majority would not.) All they wanted to do was to look around for gold. So things went from bad to worse, and what do you think happened? We found this great wilderness was inhabited by a race of very fierce war-like people.

Our people were afraid of them, and were always on the watch for fear that these strange people, (Indians they were called) would attack us, and probably take our lives.

The condition of our colony continued to grow worse, and the governor gave his position to Captain John Smith, one of the Council.

Capt. John Smith was a great strong man, with a true character. He was courageous and did not fear work in the least. He began to build up our colony at once, and soon had us on the road to prosperity.

As soon as our colony was settled, and in a good state of affairs our governor, Captain John Smith, with a party of men went on an exploration up the Chickahominy, a branch of the James. About thirty miles up the river they were attacked by Indians. All of the men were slain except Capt. Smith. He was captured and carried before Powhatan, the great Indian chief, and was laid with his head on a log and his arms tied behind him, and Powhatan seized his tomahawk and was ready to strike the blow which would end the life of our great ruler, when the chief's little daughter Pocahontas, a girl of about twelve years, threw her arms around the prisoner's neck and begged and pleaded with her father to spare his life. Powhatan was touched by his daughter's tears and laid down his weapon. Before Smith left he made a treaty with Powhatan and in about seven weeks our governor returned to the colony. You can't realize how proud we all were to behold our dear ruler again.

While Capt. Smith was with the Indians he became acquainted and formed

a friendship with Pocahontas.

Some times we would not have enough food to satisfy our hunger and at those times we could see little Pocahontas coming through the woods with a basket on her arm filled with corn. How we would anxiously wait to see her little dusky face peeping through the green leaves. How we would run to greet her.

Not very long after this Powhatan became angry with us and laid a plot to destroy us and our homes. Our lives were in constant danger and we were in constant fear, lest we should see a dusky face and form before us with a raised club ready to take our lives.

All through this danger little Pocahontas was our firm friend and many were the times at twilight when we could dimly see her slight form stealing through the bushes with a basket of corn on her arm for our food.

Once the great chief Powhatan, formed a plot among his people to take our lives and destroy our homes by stealth. Pocahontas overheard her father telling his plan and came all the way in the darkness to our homes to warn us.

One day some of the men were going to start upon a voyage on the waters, and they thought that if they could coax Pocahontas upon the ship they would take her as a captive and Powhatan would willingly do them any favor for her redemption. So when they were to start they succeeded in getting the Indian girl on board. She at once became a Christian and was baptized. At this time she was grown being about sixteen or so. She was very beautiful and had a true character. Most all of the men on the ship were at once charmed by her beauty and grace, and John Rolfe, a young Englishman at once fell in love with her. Pocahontas loved him dearly and you will not be surprised if I tell you a wedding was the result.

Well, I am going too fast for I must tell you about our struggle for existence in the winter of 1609.

You remember Capt. Smith was severely wounded while out on the waters and had to return to England for treatment for his wounds. When he left the men would not work and lots of the people fell sick with a raging fever. At one time there were not but about six well persons to care for the sick. Fortunately I was one of them. Those times were certainly ones to remember for our food was scarce and we had to carry our water a long distance.

When spring came there were only about sixty people out of the six hundred Capt. Smith left. Now you can begin to realize how great was our struggle. Many were the times during that winter we were forced to wade the snow which was drifted almost waist deep in places to get wood for our fuel and to carry water.

Spring came and we were almost discouraged, ready to give up our little homes here and return to England or to just anywhere besides this terrible place where lay so many of our dear friends whose last breath of life had flown from them forever.

During our grief and despair what good fortune do you think fate designed us? One day we looked and saw Lord Delaware coming with a large fleet and a fresh load of supplies.

Well, we all decided to begin life all over again. So we at once began to prosper and the days passed off quickly and lengthened into months and by and by prosperity came our way.

Now we have comfortable homes and our life in America is very pleasant.

Well I must tell you about our amusements. In summer we have merry times playing in the woods for the Indians are no longer our enemies and in the fall we have nuttings, corn huskings and all sorts of good times. During the winter we all sit around the great fireplace and crack nuts and tell stories. Sometimes a whole tribe of Indians will visit us and we all have grand times playing games. We also go fishing in the Spring.

Well I will close for I suppose you are tired of reading this uninteresting letter. Answer real soon and tell me everything of interest that has happened since I left England. I would be glad to have you visit us. I know you would enjoy yourself. I am going to visit dear old England some day. Give my love to all.

Your loving cousin,

VIRGIE O. JORDAN.

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Teacher's Association At Richardson.

The Teachers' Association met at Richardson Friday, Sept. 8, and elected officers for the association, the appointed ones being absent and arranged the following program:

Opening exercises 9:00 o'clock.

Purpose of the Association.

Supplementary books and how to get them, McClellan Shannon.

Aims of Literary Societies and Improvement League, C. F. Bedins.

Order in the school room, Bessie Bradley.

Recs.

Explanatory talk of miscellaneous things that come up in the school room, Prof. Ekers.

Noon.

Song, "Massa's in the cold, cold ground."

Care of House and Furniture, Onolda Shannon.

Sunday school and church in school house, Rebecca Garred.

Care of wells and stoves, Bascom Boyd.

Contagious and infectious diseases. How to fight them, Nancy Garred and Estella Miller.

There were sixteen teachers enrolled at this association. Several young people from the community also attended. We had a hard rain about 12 o'clock but this did not keep any of the teachers away in the afternoon. They all seemed interested and came back in spite of the mud.

The following teachers were present:

Gypsie Thompson, Nora Roberts, Marie Holt, Blanch E. Mensley, Mc Sammans, Nancy O. Garred, C. T. Bevins, Olive Shannon, Rebecca E. Garred, Bessie Bradley, Estella Miller, Harry H. Roberts, Shirley Hensley, Don Preston, Bascom Boyd, David Adams.

REBECCA E. GARRED, Sec.

Let us have a report from Cordell association.

BOILER AND ENGINE FOR SALE.

25 h. p. steam engine in fine condition. 50 h. p. stationary boiler. Price low. Apply to M. F. CONLEY, Louisville, Ky.

LETCHER COUNTY AND WHITESBURG.

What is Happening in this Rich Coal Territory of Kentucky.

WHITESBURG, KY., Sept. 19.—N. Starkey, general manager of The Eastern Kentucky Home Telephone Co., Pikeville, spent several days here during the week looking over the lines and business of the Whitesburg Telephone Co., of which he is owner and manager also. Mr. Starkey made the announcement that he will begin at once the improvement of the lines in and around Whitesburg, promising much needed extensions of the system, making it one of the most modern in the country, much to the satisfaction of the hundreds of patrons. Mr. W. C. Magee, of Pikeville formerly of London, has lately accepted the position of local manager. Adam G. Ramey having resigned some time ago due to failing health. Mr. Magee is an experienced telephone man and will make the system the very best.

Last Friday Hon. Jacob T. Meeker, Congressman of St. Louis, accompanied by Congressman John W. Langley of Pikeville opened the Republican campaign here by addressing voters of the county. President Wilson is mighty popular in the county and democrats claim an increase in votes for him this year.

Another murder occurred in Letcher county Friday night. At Hemphill in the coal fields John Johnson, aged 32, shot and almost instantly killed A. L. Blevins, 35. The murder occurring in Johnson's own home. The particulars as given the NEWS correspondent are as follows:

On the day of the murder Mrs. Johnson, wife of John Johnson, and Nora Collins, a domestic in the home, went to McRoberts and invited Blevins into their home. Blevins came on Friday night and had barely entered the door when Johnson, enraged to desperation, opened fire upon him at close range. Four shots were fired, the first three missing his aim, the fourth shot entering the back near the spine, passing entirely through his body. Blevins had turned to make his exit when the fatal blow came. He died within 20 minutes. Johnson went to the home of policeman Scott Miller and gave up. He was brought to Whitesburg Saturday for examining trial, but the examination was passed until tomorrow. In the meantime the arrest of Mrs. Johnson and the Collins woman has been ordered. They will no doubt be held also.

Blevins was highly respected. He came to this county from Harlan three years ago. The affair is deeply regretted.

William Maloid, a miner in the plant of the Elk Horn Coal Co., at Kona, in this county, was severely injured by falling late Thursday of last week. Eye witnesses say he narrowly escaped instant death. Maloid came to Letcher from Union county several weeks ago, since which time he has been employed at Kona. He has a family.

Mrs. Charles P. Weaver, of Louisville, came here during the past week, and assisted by the ladies of the town, organized a "Live Wire" woman's club with a good, large membership. Mrs. C. H. Burton was elected president; Mrs. A. C. Hutson, Vice President; Mrs. J. M. Cook, Secretary, and Mrs. J. H. Newman, Treasurer. The ladies will work for the civic betterment in the home, church and school. Much good will result. Weekly meetings will be held.

Miss Martha J. Potter, daughter of capitalist W. Henry Potter of Kona and one of the leading young lady teachers of Letcher county, has announced herself a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools on the Republican ticket. Miss Potter has many friends throughout the county and a large number of relation and will run a good race. She will have a number of opponents. At present Miss Potter is in the Eastern Kentucky Normal school, Richmond, where she will shortly graduate.

Milo Peak, said to be the leader in a series of robberies recently committed in the vicinity of Shelby Gap on the Letcher-Pike border, was arrested in Jenkins Saturday last and brought to jail here where he will be held until the January term of Circuit Court. Other arrests are expected.

Considerable fever and colds prevail in nearly every section of the county and physicians report lots to do.

Mr. J. M. Adams, a leading newspaper man of St. Louis, was here on business the past week. Mr. Adams has many relatives in Letcher county, all of whom are anxious to see him.

W. T. Daugherty, Ashland, doing auditing work for the Adams Express company was here this week checking up the local office.

Mr. Leslie Picklenimer "attended court" here Sunday. Rumor says he visited the telephone exchange.

Mr. George Rooby, of Chicago, was a business visitor in the coal fields last week.

The county examination was held here Friday and Saturday. There were a number of applicants for certificates.

WAYNE, W. VA.

William Fry, of near East Lynn, is teaching a night school for the benefit of the patrons who are unable to attend during the day. The school, which was organized September 6, meets on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

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Two or three cases of typhoid fever are reported in the vicinity of mouth of Thornton in this county where the disease raged a number of times during recent years. It is hoped the disease will be checked in its beginning. Several other cases are reported in the county.

Grant Ison, a lumberman of Jeremiah below here, has received a contract for furnishing a Northern dealer 50,000 railroad ties, the work to be started at once. A goodly number of men to be employed.

The new high and graded school building, College Hill, in this city will be completed within the next few days according to contractors, Franklin & Brown. When completed the building will cost about \$22,000, the contractors making no money, and will be one of the best school buildings in the mountains. The heating apparatus is being installed and the building will be ready for the building committee within a few days. Whitesburg will be pleased with their splendid school edifice.

U. S. Marshal John M. Riddle went to Kona in the coal fields Friday where he arrested Monroe Collins, long a much-wanted man by the government authorities in Southwestern Virginia. Collins is charged with operating a moonshine still on the Virginia side of the Cumberland mountains. He is also wanted in this State, having operated on both sides of the mountain. Collins was taken to Virginia to stand trial.

Farmers in Letcher county report one of the best corn crops in recent years, especially where the storms did not get in their devastating work. The crop is unusually fine, the same is true of the Irish potato crop.

The Lexington & Eastern pay train passed over the L. & E. Saturday evening distributing thousands of dollars of hard-earned cash to its many employees. Much ballasting work and leveling of the track is now in progress in order to get in readiness to meet the heavy traffic from the big coal fields.

A freight wreck on the L. & E. below here in Perry county delayed service, both express, passenger and mail, for about five hours Thursday. A number of coal trains were smashed to smithereens. It was the first wreck in weeks.

Mrs. Mary Woodward, of Waterville, Kan., was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Long. She will be here for some time.

Mr. E. M. Hatfield of Pikeville, manager of Singer Sewing Machine office, was here on business during the week.

J. A. Edmonds veteran traveling man of Winchester and popular all over Eastern Kentucky, was calling on Whitesburg merchants during the past week.

Mr. W. G. Fleu of Prestonsburg, came over to Whitesburg on business last week.

Mr. S. B. Woolley of Louisville and J. S. Thomas, Winchester, were in the city last week.

Attorney David Hays returned from a business trip to Frankfort.

Judge and Mrs. W. G. Dearing, with Miss Mary Woodford Dearing, have been guests of Louisville friends for several days.

J. B. Tanner, Lexington, was among the out-in-the-statt business men in Whitesburg this week.

Hon. Ben W. Hall, a Mt. Sterling politician, came up with Congressman Meeker and Langley.

Attorney Stephen Combs is up state this week on professional business.

Joe Cundiff Jackson, lumberman was here Monday perambulating.

Traveling man P. N. Hockett of Bristol, Tenn., was talking trade in Whitesburg Saturday.

Dr. C. A. Leatherman, of Detroit, Mich., was registered here Friday, having just returned from a trip through the coal field.

Bryce Cundiff and R. R. May of Jackson were in Whitesburg between trains Monday.

Mr. L. H. Smith of Mendota, Va., was in the city Saturday.

Judge S. E. Baker returned from a business trip to Pikeville and other points in the Sandy valley.

Mr. R. G. Thomas of Paintsville visited Seco and other points in the coal fields this week.

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cum, Henry Perdue and Elizabeth Dean. Wayne folks leaving for school this week include the following: Shirley and Marjorie Burgess, Wesleyan; Ocea McCoy, John Foley and Byron Adkins, Berea; Kitten Adkins, Marshall; Jennie and Ed Crum, Lewisburg; Earl Mosser, Staunton; Earl Burgess, Kliski; Sam Ferguson, West Virginia University; Herman Dean, Bethany.

I. F. J. McKinster was reappointed pastor for the local M. E. Church by the Western Virginia Conference at Charleston, Monday.

The Ferguson mill at Elmwood has been running with a full force for nearly a month. This confirms the report that more wheat has been raised in the county this season than has been produced for five years.

Chas. W. Ferguson, local attorney, pitched a good game of ball for Huntington against Eckles mining team Sunday.

Professor McClure returned Wednesday from a business trip to the river.

Work has begun on the second mile of Piedmont road between Ceredo and Westmoreland. The work is to be supervised by Frank Duval, West Huntington contractor.

The contract was awarded for \$22,500 on the second call for bids.

Port Gay citizens have demanded a new depot. A representative of the Public Service Commission made a personal survey of the situation Monday but has not yet made public his report.

On next Saturday the county court will let contracts for five more bridges. This is good news. Good bridges are a part of the movement for good roads.

The old stone bridge, a few of which are still found in the older sections of the county, was substantial and fairly pretty. The steel bridge succeeded the stone but for looks it failed to improve its predecessor.

The modern concrete bridge is gradually becoming predominant. It combines the strength of the steel bridge and the beauty of the old stone bridge. They are a decided step forward in what might be termed rural architecture.

MEADS BRANCH.

Mrs. John Copley and children of Cordell are here visiting her sister, Mrs. Victoria Miller.

We are having quite a lot of sickness in our community at this time.

There was great distress and sorrow for about two weeks at the home of J. C. Miller, two of his children being in bed at the same time with that fatal disease among children, known as diphtheria. Otto four years old and Mary two and a half, Dr. J. O. Moore administered the great remedy, antitoxin, but little Mary was too far gone and on Tuesday, Sept. the 5th she had to die. It was thought that little Otto might recover, but on Tuesday, Sept. the 12th little Otto died, just one week between their deaths. They had a very lonesome and distressing time during the two weeks of sickness of their children, because everybody was afraid to go there on account of this disease being contagious. These two children sleep beside each other in the Judd graveyard.

Rev. A. H. Miller, who has been laid up for about six weeks with a case of blood poison is getting about well.

Levi Miller and wife were visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Blackburn.

Alex Triplett and wife, the newly married couple, will go to house keeping on Garred Branch in the near future where Mr. Triplett has a job.

J. H. Chandler, who has been sick with chills and fever is reported some better.

Peter Martin, who has been sick for a few days, is better.

Mrs. Alice Thompson has moved from our branch to her new home on the M. B. Thompson branch on Little Blaine.

Charley Hinkle is making molasses. He has two barrels ready for shipment.

The funeral of old uncle William Frances will be preached the third Sunday in October at the Pack church on the head of the left fork of Little Blaine by Rev. Pack and Miller.

Everybody is busy on our branch saving fodder.

The ice cream supper at the Little Blaine school house where D. L. Thompson is teacher is reported a success.

ONLY ONE.

OBITUARY.

The two infant children of J. C. Miller and wife of Meads Branch died of diphtheria.

Little Mary Miller was born Jan. 2, 1912 and departed this life Sept. 5, 1916, aged two years, seven months and 5 days. Just one week from the death of little Mary her little brother Otto had to die.

Otto Martin Miller was born Dec. 27, 1911 and departed this life Sept. 12, 1916, aged 4 years, 4 months and 12 days. They were the grandchildren of Rev. A. H. Miller.

A. H. M.

LEDGEO.

Saving fodder seems to be the order of the day with our farmers.

Lots of sickness in our neighborhood. A. H. Moore is down from Heller on account of the sickness of his baby.

John H. Kimbler of Toms creek was here last week visiting his friends. This was first visit in 22 years.

Mrs. Alice Thompson of Gallup is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller.

Several of our boys have gone to Ohio to cut corn.

Mrs. Nannie Back was the guest of Mrs. Mary Miller Sunday.

Kathleen, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinster has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hays were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Frazier Sunday.

Rev. Jack Thompson has returned from Ashland for the winter.

Dr. Moore was in Louisa Saturday.

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